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1. Oil tankers, capacity 1,000 tons, are under construction at the Braila Shipyards. Some lighters have been converted into floating machine workshops.
2. The Braila Shipyards launched two 1,000 ton lighters in January 1951. These lighters were described as very shallow, flat, and long. Reportedly, these lighters are to be used on the Volga River. Construction on the lighters was started one year ago.
3. Construction on three Rumanian warships (not further specified) begun by the Germans has been resumed at the Braila Shipyards. One is still ashore; the other two have been launched with the superstructures to be added elsewhere.
4. Two lighters are under construction at the Cooperativa Marina (Marine Cooperative) Shipyards at Braila at the present time. Twenty-two oil tanks, eight by four meters, were finished last year. Ten more are scheduled to be built.
5. The Cooperativa Marina, which has 100 employees, painted eight 1,000 ton tankers at the Danubiu, Santierele Navale and the IRN (Intreprinderile Navale Romane - Rumanian Naval Enterprises) Shipyards in Braila during 1950. Similar 1,000 ton tankers are to be constructed in 1951.
6. The Braila Shipyards (2,000 employees) pays monthly salaries to clerks, hourly wages to welders and construction workers. Salaries range from 5,000 lei to 40,000 lei for the director of the shipyard. The wages are from 18 to 44 lei per hour.
7. Ten lighters loaded with machinery, grain, and oil leave daily from Braila for the Soviet Union.
8. The Sovromtransport Shipyards at Galati have repaired the Soviet SS PSKOV (7,000 tons). On its trial run the engines did not function properly.

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